

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cox et al. in view of Ditmann et al. (Combine Video and Audio Watermarking: Embedding Content Information in in Multimedia Data). Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cox et al. and Ditmann et al., and in further view of Uz.

Previously, the Applicant has respectfully pointed that the claims recite features neither taught nor suggested by Cox et al. in view of Ditmann et al. alone or combination with Uz. In particular, such features include "inserting the first part of the watermark into the first media component and inserting the second part of the watermark into the second media component", "inserting the first part into the first media component, and for inserting the second part into the second media component" and "extracting a first watermark part from the first media component, and for extracting a second watermark part from the second media component", as recited respectively in Claims 1, 5 and 11. However, despite this point, the above rejections have been maintained.

In maintaining these rejections, column 5, lines 10-34, are being relied on. However, in this portion, Co et al. discloses each of the subwatermarks is inserted into a data block.

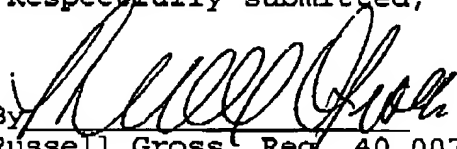
In view of the above disclosure, is evident that the subwatermarks are just being inserted into different datablocks

of the same image. Thus, Cox et al. cannot be reasonably interpreted as disclosing "inserting the first part of the watermark into the first media component and inserting the second part of the watermark into the second media component", "inserting the first part into the first media component, and for inserting the second part into the second media component" or "extracting a first watermark part from the first media component, and for extracting a second watermark part from the second media component", as required by the claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these features are distinguishable over Cox et al. in view of Ditmann et al.

In view of the above-described distinctions, it is respectfully submitted that the invention of Claims 1-14 is not made obvious by Cox et al. in view of Ditmann et al. alone or combination with Uz. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn so that the present application may proceed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,


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